



# NORTH ANDOVER

## Essex County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

The Town of North Andover is located in Essex County, approximately 24 miles north of Boston. The Town lies along the banks of the Merrimack River and is surrounded by the Towns of Methuen, Haverhill, Boxford, Andover, Middleton, North Reading, and the City of Lawrence. The settlement of the Town began in 1640 and was incorporated as Andover in 1646. The community was split into the North Parish (now North Andover) and South Parish (now Andover) in 1709 and North Andover was incorporated as a separate entity in 1855.

North Andover is governed by an open Town Meeting form of government, a five-member Board of Selectmen and a Town Manager pursuant to a Home Rule Charter that went into effect in 1986.

Although North Andover contains several industrial parks, the Town has retained a rural character and contains over 3,000 acres of preserved open space. North Andover is served by interstate Route 495, Route 125, Route 133 and Route 144. Lawrence Municipal Airport is also located within the Town.

North Andover is a thriving community with an excellent school system, efficient services and a strong commitment to its citizens.

(Narrative supplied by community)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

Northeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Andover and Lawrence on the west, Methuen and Haverhill on the north, Boxford on the east, and Middleton and North Reading on the south. North Andover is 12 miles east of Lowell; 24 miles north of Boston; 33 miles from Manchester, New Hampshire; and 243 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 27.85 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 26.67 sq. miles

**Population:** 22,792

**Density:** 855 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Lawrence Station)

Normal temperature in January.....24.7°F

Normal temperature in July.....72.5°F

Normal annual precipitation.....42.8"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

South Groveland, Lawrence, Reading

## Regional Planning Agency

Merrimack Valley Region

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Lawrence



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (978) 682-6483

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Manager

Open Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1855

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

|                   | Number | %    |   |
|-------------------|--------|------|---|
| Total Registered  | 14,117 |      |   |
| Democrats         | 3,726  | 26.4 | % |
| Republicans       | 1,982  | 14.0 | % |
| Other parties     | 17     | 0.1  | % |
| Unenrolled Voters | 8,392  | 59.4 | % |

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: North Andover town, Essex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

| Subject                                         | Number | Percent | Subject                                              | Number | Percent |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Total population.....                           | 27,202 | 100.0   | <b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>                   |        |         |
| <b>SEX AND AGE</b>                              |        |         | Total population.....                                | 27,202 | 100.0   |
| Male.....                                       | 13,099 | 48.2    | Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....                | 541    | 2.0     |
| Female.....                                     | 14,103 | 51.8    | Mexican.....                                         | 52     | 0.2     |
| Under 5 years.....                              | 1,915  | 7.0     | Puerto Rican.....                                    | 133    | 0.5     |
| 5 to 9 years.....                               | 2,042  | 7.5     | Cuban.....                                           | 51     | 0.2     |
| 10 to 14 years.....                             | 1,973  | 7.3     | Other Hispanic or Latino.....                        | 305    | 1.1     |
| 15 to 19 years.....                             | 2,063  | 7.6     | Not Hispanic or Latino.....                          | 26,661 | 98.0    |
| 20 to 24 years.....                             | 1,506  | 5.5     | White alone.....                                     | 25,172 | 92.5    |
| 25 to 34 years.....                             | 2,995  | 11.0    | <b>RELATIONSHIP</b>                                  |        |         |
| 35 to 44 years.....                             | 4,924  | 18.1    | Total population.....                                | 27,202 | 100.0   |
| 45 to 54 years.....                             | 3,966  | 14.6    | In households.....                                   | 25,349 | 93.2    |
| 55 to 59 years.....                             | 1,300  | 4.8     | Householder.....                                     | 9,724  | 35.7    |
| 60 to 64 years.....                             | 875    | 3.2     | Spouse.....                                          | 5,853  | 21.5    |
| 65 to 74 years.....                             | 1,552  | 5.7     | Child.....                                           | 8,370  | 30.8    |
| 75 to 84 years.....                             | 1,387  | 5.1     | Own child under 18 years.....                        | 6,657  | 24.5    |
| 85 years and over.....                          | 705    | 2.6     | Other relatives.....                                 | 718    | 2.6     |
| Median age (years).....                         | 37.2   | (X)     | Under 18 years.....                                  | 198    | 0.7     |
| 18 years and over.....                          | 20,276 | 74.5    | Nonrelatives.....                                    | 684    | 2.5     |
| Male.....                                       | 9,441  | 34.7    | Unmarried partner.....                               | 324    | 1.2     |
| Female.....                                     | 10,835 | 39.8    | In group quarters.....                               | 1,853  | 6.8     |
| 21 years and over.....                          | 18,768 | 69.0    | Institutionalized population.....                    | 522    | 1.9     |
| 62 years and over.....                          | 4,132  | 15.2    | Noninstitutionalized population.....                 | 1,331  | 4.9     |
| 65 years and over.....                          | 3,644  | 13.4    | <b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>                             |        |         |
| Male.....                                       | 1,333  | 4.9     | Total households.....                                | 9,724  | 100.0   |
| Female.....                                     | 2,311  | 8.5     | Family households (families).....                    | 6,904  | 71.0    |
| <b>RACE</b>                                     |        |         | With own children under 18 years.....                | 3,578  | 36.8    |
| One race.....                                   | 26,972 | 99.2    | Married-couple family.....                           | 5,853  | 60.2    |
| White.....                                      | 25,481 | 93.7    | With own children under 18 years.....                | 3,010  | 31.0    |
| Black or African American.....                  | 196    | 0.7     | Female householder, no husband present.....          | 826    | 8.5     |
| American Indian and Alaska Native.....          | 14     | 0.1     | With own children under 18 years.....                | 465    | 4.8     |
| Asian.....                                      | 1,078  | 4.0     | Nonfamily households.....                            | 2,820  | 29.0    |
| Asian Indian.....                               | 333    | 1.2     | Householder living alone.....                        | 2,440  | 25.1    |
| Chinese.....                                    | 368    | 1.4     | Householder 65 years and over.....                   | 1,149  | 11.8    |
| Filipino.....                                   | 53     | 0.2     | Households with individuals under 18 years.....      | 3,725  | 38.3    |
| Japanese.....                                   | 57     | 0.2     | Households with individuals 65 years and over.....   | 2,424  | 24.9    |
| Korean.....                                     | 157    | 0.6     | Average household size.....                          | 2.61   | (X)     |
| Vietnamese.....                                 | 51     | 0.2     | Average family size.....                             | 3.16   | (X)     |
| Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....                  | 59     | 0.2     | <b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>                             |        |         |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander..... | 2      | -       | Total housing units.....                             | 9,843  | 100.0   |
| Native Hawaiian.....                            | 1      | -       | Occupied housing units.....                          | 9,724  | 97.8    |
| Guamanian or Chamorro.....                      | 1      | -       | Vacant housing units.....                            | 219    | 2.2     |
| Samoa.....                                      | -      | -       | For seasonal, recreational, or                       |        |         |
| Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....       | -      | -       | occasional use.....                                  | 47     | 0.5     |
| Some other race.....                            | 201    | 0.7     | Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....                | 0.4    | (X)     |
| Two or more races.....                          | 230    | 0.8     | Rental vacancy rate (percent).....                   | 2.3    | (X)     |
| <i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>    |        |         | <b>HOUSING TENURE</b>                                |        |         |
| <i>or more other races: <sup>3</sup></i>        |        |         | Occupied housing units.....                          | 9,724  | 100.0   |
| White.....                                      | 25,681 | 94.4    | Owner-occupied housing units.....                    | 7,053  | 72.5    |
| Black or African American.....                  | 222    | 0.8     | Renter-occupied housing units.....                   | 2,671  | 27.5    |
| American Indian and Alaska Native.....          | 55     | 0.2     | Average household size of owner-occupied units.....  | 2.84   | (X)     |
| Asian.....                                      | 1,180  | 4.3     | Average household size of renter-occupied units..... | 2.00   | (X)     |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander..... | 10     | -       |                                                      |        |         |
| Some other race.....                            | 288    | 1.1     |                                                      |        |         |

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



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# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Conventional State:   | 190 |
| Conventional Federal: | 105 |

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

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|----------------------|-----|
| State (MRVP:         | 10  |
| Federal (Section 8): | 138 |



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# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

The development of transportation resources in the Merrimack River Valley, where North Andover is situated, was shaped by the history of the region as a major site of American industrial development in the nineteenth century. The area has exceptionally good highway and rail facilities linking the major cities and towns to each other and to the port, airport, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are Interstate Route 495 and State Routes 114, 125, and 133.

### Rail

Freight service is provided by the Springfield Terminal Railway. Contact number: (978) 663-1073.

### Bus

North Andover is a member of the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (MVRTA), which ... North Andover participates in the MVRTA's Handi-Work Program, which provides work trip transportation for the disabled. Trombly Commuter Lines provides service to Boston.

### Other

The Lawrence Municipal Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility, is located in North Andover. It has 2 asphalt runways 3,901' and 5,000' long. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision.



# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

## MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Museum of American Textile History  
80 Massachusetts Avenue  
(978) 686-0191

North Andover Historical Society  
153 Academy Road  
(617) 686-4035

Stevens-Coolidge Place  
139 Andover Street  
(978) 682-3580

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

None

### Long Term Care

Greenery E.C.C. Of N. Andover

Prescott House Nursing Home

Sutton Hill Nursing & Retirement Center

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

None

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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